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Professor J. C. Fields,

University of Toronto.

My dear Professor Fields:

I have tried to see you, but on my return from Boston I find that you have left for the United States, and may be absent for some time. I therefore must write, though I should have preferred to have had a talk to you personally.

As you are aware Professor Baker has retired from the Department of Mathematics. In view of Professor De Lury's long connection with the Department and his acquaintance with its workings I have asked him to become head of the Department in Professor Baker's place. In discussing with Professor Delury the development of the department he recognises your great interest in research and graduate work, and he has asked me to request you to act as Convener of a departmental committee which is to deal with graduate and research work. I am confident that in co-operation with Professor De Lury you will find that in this way opportunity will be given for furthering this side of the mathematical development in the University.

You will be glad to know also that the Government has passed our estimates in which there is an item of $75000 for Research. Of this $55,000 $10,000 had been already assigned for Zymology under Dr. Speakman, and $20,000 will be set

aside for the work in the Faculty of Applied Science. That leaves a considerable amount to be devoted to research in the pure sciences. I have already had applications from a number of the scientific departments for assistants in research and it will be necessary to make a fair apportionment in such a way as will justify the voting of this money by the Government. I regard the work of the next session in this line as being very important inasmuch as it will make a beginning for what I hope will be a large development in the future. I should like to talk to you about the matter on your return if you should get back to the city before I leave for my holiday.

With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.